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Explosive Letters Echo

Mons., Belgium, Sept. 2.—Elizabeth Lazarus and Elias Jacobs were formally charged and committed for trial today for carrying 12 explosive letters similar to those mailed to British Cabinet Ministers early this summer.

The couple were arrested on June 2 at the French border after a routine search uncovered explosive letters concealed in their baggage.

The maximum sentence the pair can receive if convicted is one year. France and Britain were understood to have requested custody of Lazarus and Jacobs when Belgium has finished with them.—United Press.

Armaments Plant Found In Tel-Aviv

Jerusalem, Sept. 2.—Investigations of two explosions in Tel-Aviv today led to the discovery of another arms factory, manufacturing mortar bombs, revolvers and wire contraptions. The workshop was found badly damaged from the explosions and the body of one man, believed to be an Irgun member, was found.

Meanwhile, there was a full in Palestine, pending the Irgun's reaction to UNSCOP's recommendations, which were expected to be broadcast tomorrow.

The Stern Gang published a seven-point manifesto which said:

1. The UNSCOP plan was an unsuccessful compromise.

2. The report recognised the failure of the mandate to run the country.

3. UNSCOP's failure to determine the mandate immediately may defeat the entire object of the plan.

4. Partition will lead to disputes and bloodshed as Palestine should be a single state.

5. It criticised UNSCOP's "rush" conclusion that Palestine could not be the Jewish question.

6. Jews will not be satisfied of Palestine as the Arabs' consent will not commit the masses.

7. Nothing short of full independence will satisfy the Sternists.—United Press.

ARAB-HINT

Cairo, Sept. 2.—An official Arab League bulletin today hinted that the UNSCOP recommendations on Palestine would be an excuse for Arab uprisings.

The bulletin said the Commission's report "killed the spirit of moderation" which heretofore had characterized Arab action in the Middle East and indicated that the Arabs would change their tactics to meet the new situation.

The bulletin also said the problem was now in the "gravest form it has ever assumed."—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Occupation Cheques

THE recent official announcement concerning the release of cheques, promissory notes and IOU's signed in Hongkong during the occupation was not noticeably helpful either to creditors or debtors. Up to a point Government washes its hands of these transactions, placing responsibility for settlement on the shoulders of the contracting parties. This might be justified on the grounds that the authorities naturally expect a contract to be honoured without dispute, a moral obligation. But the official attitude is compromised by the suggestion that creditors "scale down their claims in view of the unrealistic rates of exchange which ruled at the time," thereby implying that the original terms of the contract were unfair to the borrowers. Here is raised a moral issue which is repeated when consideration is also given to the cases of those who recklessly fell into debt and wilfully mortgaged their future beyond redemption. The responsibility in both instances belongs to the individual conscience. When, however, Government refers to the unreasonableness of exchange rates during the occupation period, it is far too vague. The rates, and their relation to realities, varied considerably and this fact is cer-

President Truman Speaks Out

U.S. TO RETAIN MILITARY STRENGTH FOR PEACE

Pledge To Support UN

Rio de Janeiro, Sept. 2.—President Truman told the Inter-American Defence Conference at Petropolis near here today that the United States would retain its military strength "as evidence of the seriousness with which we view our obligations to world peace."

The United States contemplated a "prolonged military occupation of enemy territories" because the Allies had not agreed on the main outlines of a peace settlement, he declared.

Calling on the nations of the western hemisphere to stay with the United States for "a world peace of free men," the President said: "The old world is exhausted, its civilisation imperilled. Its people are confused and filled with fears for the future. Their hope must lie in this new world of ours."

The United States would pursue the quest for peace with no less insistence than it had applied to the quest for military victory, President Truman said.

TUC IN CRITICAL FRAME OF MIND

Southport, Sept. 2.—The British Labour Government received a verbal hiding from members of its strongest political backing—the Trade Union Congress—on the grounds that its crisis battle policy was too weak, but the Congress then promptly voted to work with the Government.

A long series of speakers blasted the Government at the TUC voted overwhelmingly in favour of a report from its General Council proposing more talks with Government officials to plan strict control of labour to forestall collapse of the country.

"NOTHING SOCIALISTIC"

E. Patterson, of the Constitutional Engineers Union, tried to have the report sent back to the Council on the grounds that "there is nothing Socialist in the proposal put forward to solve this crisis." He demanded a programme that "conclusively" would achieve Socialism."

L. J. Callaghan, Member of Parliament, said firmer measures were not being taken because of the "fatal hesitation in the minds of our political leaders... because they don't know whether they are going to get or whether they want more American dollars."

A. Davies of the Miners' Union described Mr Attlee's recent call for Britain to fight the crisis as "very amateur and very feeble."

T. Williamson, Labour MP, opposed fines for workers who refused to

be ordered into particular industries, but added, "Starving men and women into work is the highest priority that ought to be tried out for the first six or 12 months."

FLATLY OPPOSED

J. T. Severn of the Lacemakers Union flatly opposed direction of labour in any fashion. "I don't think our people quite realise we are the ruling class of this country," he said.

When the debate was cut short and George Gibson of the General Union flatly opposed direction of labour to be heard over protests and could not go for several minutes until he said, "Do you just want to hear one kind of speech?"

H. Crane of the General Miners' Union suggested a national register of people with proof that each was doing useful work, just before Gibson rose to defend the Government and the way the Congress was working with it.

"We hear a lot of talk about better, but what are we going to barter with?" demanded Gibson. "The Labour Government has two, and a half years to go. We have got to go at it at once... and show results in these two and a half years."

The Tobacco Workers' delegate, P. B. Fletcher, claimed, "The Socialist Government is a pawn to the capitalist Government in the United States and the sooner it gets rid of us the better."

The final vote was on a show of hands.—United Press.

RUSSIA WON'T OPEN DAIREN

Washington, Sept. 3.—The Soviet Government has turned down a new United States offer to open the important port of Dairen to international commerce.

The Russians insisted that they have control of Dairen by virtue of a 1945 agreement with the Chinese and that this control will continue so long as there is no peace treaty with Japan.

Therefore, the Russians argued in a note made public by the State Department on Tuesday, there is no basis for a change in the regime in Dairen, and "no Soviet government in this connection categorically rejects in view of the above-mentioned circumstances, any attempt to burden it with responsibility for treatment of American interests."—Associated Press.

The President declared: "The people of the United States were engaged in the recent war in the deep faith that they were opening the way to free the world. We find that a number of nations are still subjected to the type of foreign domination which we fought to overcome."

"Many of the remaining peoples of Europe and Asia live under the shadow of armed aggression."

"No agreement has been reached among the Allies on the main outlines of a peace settlement," the President declared. "In consequence we are obliged to contemplate the prolonged military occupation of enemy territories. This is profoundly distasteful to our people."

RECOVERY LAGS

"Almost everywhere in Europe, economic recovery has lagged. Great urban and industrial areas have been left in a state of dependence on our economy which is as painful to us as it is to them. Much of this economic distress is due to the paralysis of political fear and uncertainty in addition to the devastation caused by the war."

Pledging United States fidelity to the United Nations, President Truman said: "We recognise that the United Nations has been subjected to a strain which it was never designed to bear. Its role is to maintain peace and not to make peace. It has been embroiled in its infancy in almost continuous conflict."

"We must be careful not to prejudice it by this unfair test. We must cherish the seedling in the hope of mighty oak. We shall not forget our obligations under the charter nor shall we permit others to forget them."

The President recalled the United States reluctance to use armed force throughout its history, and warned: "Our aversion to violence must not be misread as a lack of determination on our part to live up to the obligations of the United Nations charter or an invitation to others to take liberties with the foundations of international peace."

Appealing to the nations of the western hemisphere to stand with the United States for world peace and a peace of free men, the President said that united, those nations could constitute the greatest single force in the world for the good of humanity."—Reuter.

The last withdrawal of 150,000,000 made last Friday from the American loan has already been earmarked for payments of orders previously placed

More Coalminers Strike

Doncaster, Yorkshire, Sept. 2.—Britain's three weeks old Yorkshire coal strike took a dramatic turn for the worse tonight when a dozen more pits stopped work in sympathy, bringing the total of idle miners to 20,000—just short of the peak reached at the height of the strike last week.

To-night's setback reversed the return to work decisions reached by all but the hard core of strikers on Sunday after mass meetings addressed by the Minister of Fuel, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, and the Communist leader of the Miners' Union, Mr Arthur Horner.

Altogether 25 pits have now stopped work, and the loss of coal to the country as a result of 140 men's refusal three weeks ago to work an extra two feet of coal face per day has topped 120,000 tons.—Reuter.

Commonwealth May Share Dollar Pool

AUSTRALIA'S RESTRICTIONS

London, Sept. 2.—British sterling area dominions including India and Pakistan will confer in London as soon as possible—probably within the next two or three weeks—to decide in detail how to share the Commonwealth dollar pool among them.

This was officially disclosed in London today at the moment when Mr Joseph Chifley, Australia's Prime Minister, was announcing sweeping cuts in imports from the United States to help close Australia's £21,250,000 (\$85,000,000) trade deficit.

India and Pakistan will not be asked to follow Australia's lead in cutting their planned dollar imports. It was said in well-informed quarters today.

The most they could be expected to do would be to make some slight economies "but they could not possibly be large," it was stated.

No actual date was set for the conference but the British Government's invitation today proposed that "advantage should be taken of the presence in London of representatives from some of the Dominions for the meetings of the International Bank and the International Monetary Fund, starting on September 11."

LESS U.S. TOBACCO

Major restrictions announced in Australia today included:

A 20 percent cut in import licences for American tobacco.

A similar cut in imports of chassis for passenger vehicles.

No further purchases of aircraft costing dollars apart from those already on order.

A 30 percent cut in newsprint imports.

A cut of about 30 percent in film remittances by means still to be decided.

The total saving expected from these cuts is £8,750,000 (\$35,000,000) annually, still leaving a £12,500,000 (\$50,000,000) trade deficit.

Britain has already announced cuts amounting to £220,000,000 and has made it clear that more are still to come. New Zealand has said she will do all she can.

South Africa has not made any cuts so far. She was criticised yesterday by Sir Miles Thomas, the President of the British Society of Motor Manufacturers, now in Johannesburg, who said the Union's increasing importation of United States goods might be "bitter pill" to the British people.

Canada, the one dominion not within the sterling area, will be present as an observer at the conference. Her dollar shortage is as acute as Britain's or even more so.—Reuter.

LAST WITHDRAWAL

London, Sept. 2.—The moment when Britain will have to start paying for dollar imports out of her gold and dollar reserve is rapidly approaching, an authoritative source said tonight.

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The Sports Column

COMPTON EQUALS RECORD

London, Sept. 2.—Denis Compton, England and Middlesex cricketer, today scored his 16th century of the season to equal the record of Jack Hobbs, who accomplished such afeat in 1925.

Compton made 139 when battoning for Middlesex against Lancashire at Lord's.

The results of games which ended today are:

At Taunton: Surrey beat Somerset 473 to 373. Somerset 107 and 233 (Woodhouse 64, Laker five for 22).

At Bristol: Gloucestershire beat Essex by 317 runs. Gloucestershire 324 and 365. Essex 315 and 187 (Cork five for 72).

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire beat Warwickshire by eight wickets. Warwickshire 302 and 251 (Jepson five for 91, Butler four for 58). Notts 362 for six declared and 182 for two (Keaton 103 not out).

At Bournemouth: Hampshire drew with Yorkshire. Hampshire 308 and 295 for six (Hoggar 63, Harrison 61 not out). Yorkshire 404 for five (Reuter 103 not out).

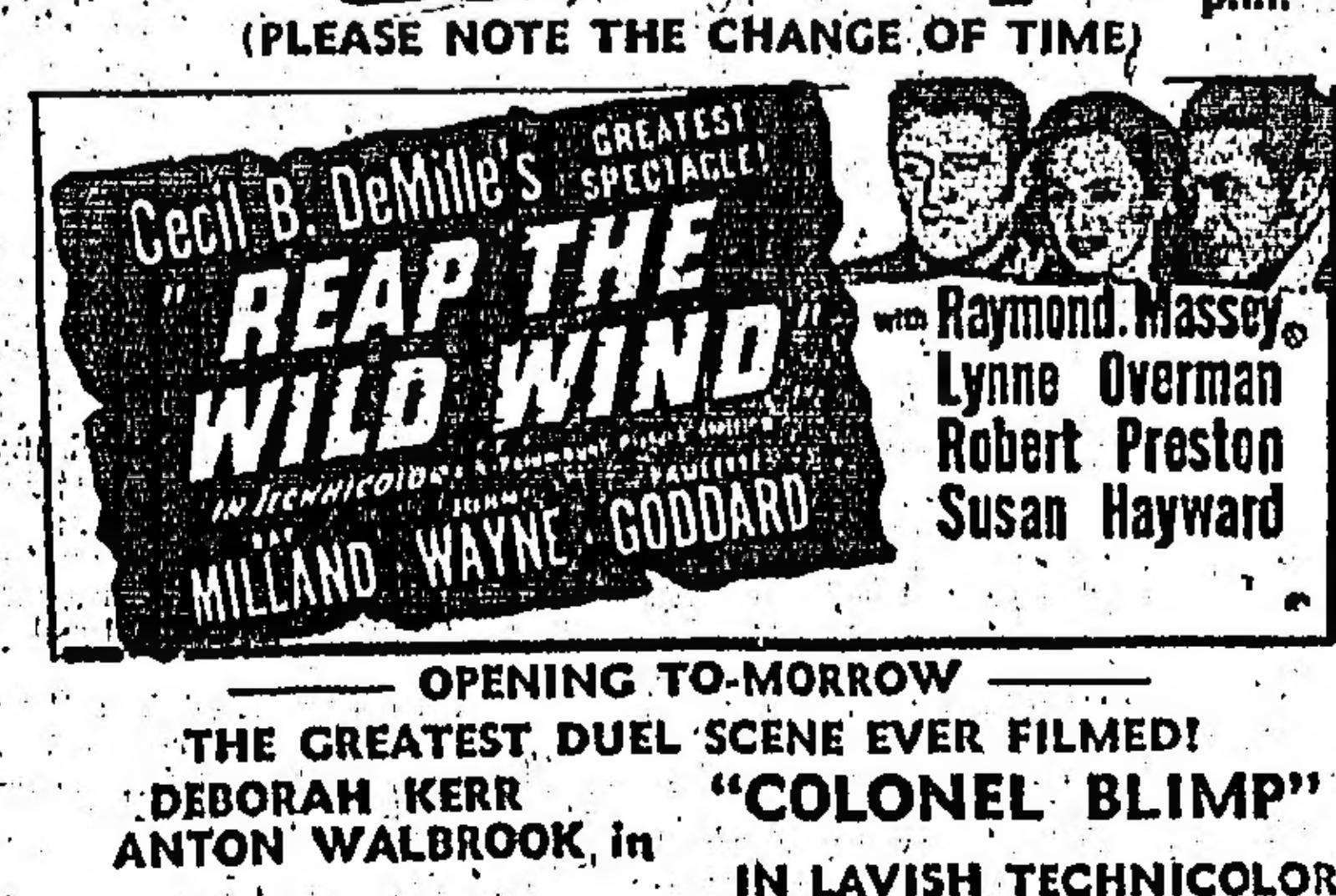
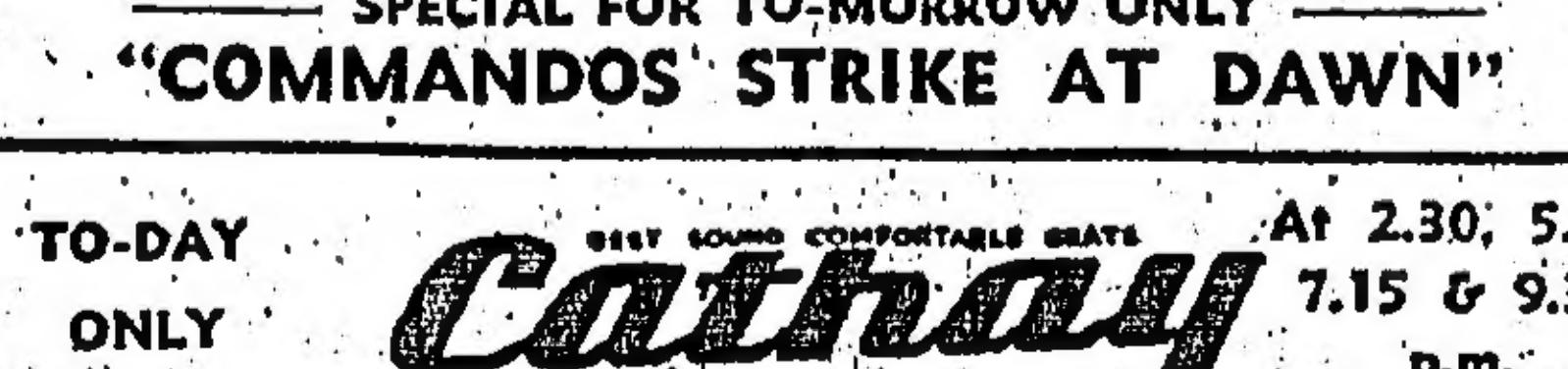
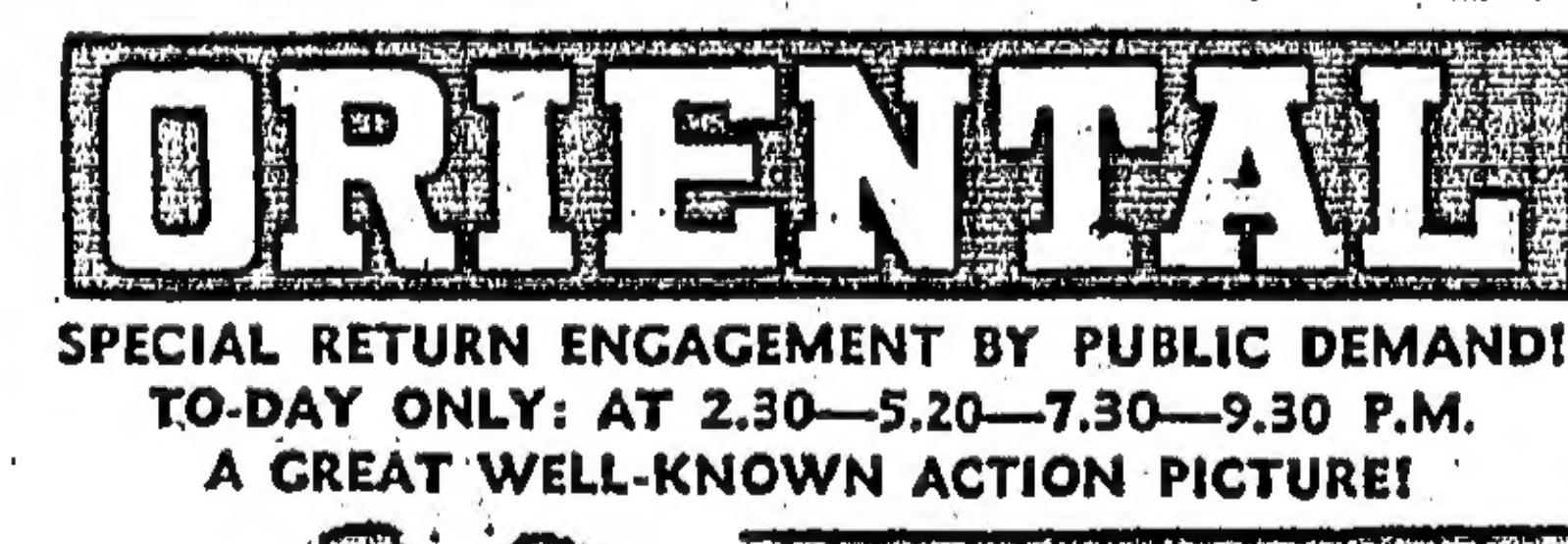
At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire beat Middlesex by 64 runs. Middlesex 332 and 153. Middlesex 134 and 307. (Compton 139).—Reuter.

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	No Dec.	Leads	Drawn	Specials
Middlesex	26	13	12	4	1	1	1	1
Gloucestershire	26	13	11	0	1	1	1	1
Kent	26	12	10	4	1	1	1	1
Surrey	26	10	8	8	1	1	1	1
Worcestershire	26	7	11	0	4	5	2	2
Yorkshire	26	8	9	1	1	4	2	2
Sussex	26	6	10	2	1	1	1	1
Somerset	26	6	12	2	1	1	1	1
Essex	26	6	10	1	1	1	1	1
Notts	25	5	10	0	1	1	1	1
Warwickshire	25	5	10					

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Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE Sparrow was asleep in his little armchair when his wife hopped into the nest wearing a new hat trimmed with tiny flowers and tipped over her eyes till it almost touched her beak.

She hopped nearer to him, leaned over his chair, and said "Peep boy!" The Sparrow aroused himself, glared at her and said, "How do you think I look?" asked his wife, whirling round on one claw so that he could see the nest back and front.

"Drunk," said the Sparrow.

"Oh, how could you say such an awful thing?" said his wife. "Fancy!"

"Hats worn over the eyes are an indication of drunkenness," said the Sparrow, "and always have been."

"It's the proper way to wear them now," said his wife. "Only a little while ago they were worn on the back of the head."

"Hats worn on the back of the head are an indication of lunacy," said the Sparrow. "If you want to look an imbecile one day and a dionomian the next, it's nothing to do with me."

"You never like anything I wear," said his wife.

"That's because you never wear anything I like," said the Sparrow. "Especially hats," said his wife. You always say nasty things about me."

"That's because I don't like hats," said the Sparrow.

"You have to wear something on your head," said his wife.

"You don't have to wear things like that," said the Sparrow.

"What's wrong with it?" asked his wife.

"I will first of all ask you what's right with it," said the Sparrow.

"I'm sure I don't know what you're talking about," said his wife.

"The primary purpose of a hat," said the Sparrow, "is to protect your head from the weather. Does that thing protect you from the weather?"

"It's not supposed to," said his wife.

"Then why are you wearing it?" asked the Sparrow.

"Because it's pretty," said his wife.

"But it's not pretty," shouted the Sparrow. "It's hideous."

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself saying things like that," said his wife, a tear starting in her eye.

"Why is it shaped like a boat?" asked the Sparrow. "To catch the rain instead of keeping it off your head?"

"It's fashionable," said his wife.

"Why," asked the Sparrow, preparing to leave, "is it timed over your beak so that it not only makes you look cross-eyed, but will probably give you a sunstroke at the back of the neck?"

"Because they're worn that way," said his wife.

"If it's fashionable," said the Sparrow, flying away to the Tree Tops Club "to wear a hat that makes you look a cross-eyed, cock-eyed, intoxicated imbecile, and a dionomian the next, it's nothing to do with me."

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As a constant reader of your

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Women
BEAUTY ARTS
By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Anne Jeffreys for Lois Leeds.

Lois Leeds gives you the latest Hollywood fashion news.

STAR SHINE!

Lovely, young Anne Jeffreys, starring in RKO-Radio's "Trad Street", wears a new idea in evening gowns—striped taffeta with a black bodice and sleeves of stripes, long and dramatic, not attached at the shoulder line! And, for added drama, Anne pins a long, streamlined red rose on her right sleeve! Ideas here for you and you and YOU to copy.

Fashion Notes: Anita Gordon, siren on the Edgar Bergen show, lunched with friends, looking for all the world like a grownup Alice in Wonderland. Her ensemble was a black velvet bolero jacket, rounded away to show a crisp white piped blouse, designed with a large Peter Pan collar, with deep cuffs. The blouse was tucked into the wide waistband of her tiny-checked green and white wool skirt. Her sailor hat of bright burnt straw was lined under the brim with black velvet, with streamers of black velvet tied around the crown.

The latest thing in jewellery is an ensemble of matching gold and diamond earrings, bracelets and sun-

glasses! Constance Moore can be credited with starting this fad. Mrs. Brian Aherne also has something in jewellery. It's a palladium chain, from which is suspended a palladium locket designed in the shape of a book. The cover is set with diamonds.

Marilyn Carr, newest Hollywood star, having tea at the Beverly Hills Club, looking as though she had stepped from the pages of a fashion magazine. She wore a contessa dress of black faille, fashioned with a plain rolled-back collar, three-quarter sleeves with turned-back cuffs. A fitted waist was encircled by a gold belt. The full skirt of the new longer type, was very fashion-right. Sitting on the back of Marilyn's head was a gold straw "bowler", trimmed with black grosgrain ribbon. A tall black plume shot up from the centre front of her hat.

British Girls Build Railway In Yugoslavia

A dozen young women are leaving London to help to build a mountain railway in Yugoslavia. With them will go about 30 men.

A party of British men and women are already out there working six hours a day, constructing a 130-mile-long railway between Sarajevo and Samac.

The undertaking is the biggest reconstruction work of the year in Yugoslavia, entailing the building of 37 stations, four tunnels and five bridges, as well as the permanent way.

Paid Own Fares

From Britain about 450 men and women have already paid their fares to Yugoslavia to help in the building, including a number of young married couples. They get no wages.

The whole scheme is organised between the British-Yugo-Slav Association, the National Union of Students and the Yugoslav Youth Movement with the approval of their government.

When the Britons have finished their spell of railroad building, they are looked after by the Yugoslavs—fed, entertained and shown the beauty spots of the Dalmatian coast.

While they are working they get a free issue of boots and overalls, free cigarettes and postage.

Makeup
by GABRIELLE



If you wear glasses give special attention to your rouge. Blend it very carefully. Don't stop the rouge at the eyeglass rims. Gradual fading out under the lenses draws attention away from the glasses. Also—it's flattering! Always match checks to lips. When in doubt, use a clear, bright red.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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South Africa Wants To Deport 250,000 Indians

While India's relations with almost every other part of the British Commonwealth seem closer to harmony, bitter anti-Indian racialism festers in South Africa.

White clergy, politicians and university professors are among the leaders of a movement whose ultimate aim is the repatriation of the 250,000 South African-born Indians to India.

SAVE SOULS QUICKER BY AIR

A 50-year-old medical missionary to South America, who hopes to save more souls by taking to the air, is learning to fly.

Dutch-born Father Andrew Linsen has spent 10 years ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of 34,000 primitive jungle tribesmen of Colombia. Now he is enrolled in Parks College of Aeronautical Technology at St. Louis University.

"I don't know whether I'm too old to learn to fly," the stocky priest said, "but I do know that if I can learn I shall be able to make 200-mile trips in two hours."

"Before, I had to chop my way through the jungle with the aid of a machete."

Father Linsen, who was a physician before he became a priest, is a confirmed optimist. Before leaving Colombia, he hacked three air-fields out of the wilderness for use in case he returns as a qualified pilot.

The Dutch priest has only one complaint against civilisation—it's too hard on shoe leather. He explained that he never bothered with shoes in Colombia except during his baptismal ceremonies.

Promise To Dying Son

A weather-beaten white granite tomb with a small window-like opening in one side is all that remains of a father's promise to his dying son.

The tomb, built into the hillside of an old rural cemetery near the village to Oxford, New York, is the resting place, according to local legend, of a six-year-old boy who did not want to be buried in the dark. The story goes back 100 years ago.

The boy, ill with an incurable disease, was named Merit and his last name is believed to have been Burdsley.

The eight-inch square opening is the result of his father's promise to the boy as he lay dying. There is no covering over the little window now, but visitors can still see the remains of a rusted bolt which probably held in place a grill or a pane of glass.

THEY DREW CATS FOR ALIDA

Hollywood is intrigued by one of the little pastimes of Alida Valli, Italian actress. Instead of requesting autographs, she asks her friends to draw for her their conceptions of a cat.

Some of the more startling representations have been sketched by Anita Colby, Jennifer Jones and David O. Selznick, the producer. Miss Valli says she can ascribe no special reason for her hobby. She started it during dull moments on movie sets in her native Italy.—Associated Press.

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**LOVE IS NOT IN
THE RACE**

Noticed by guests at a party given by the Encyclopedia Britannica: "In the 1810 edition 'Love' was given five pages."

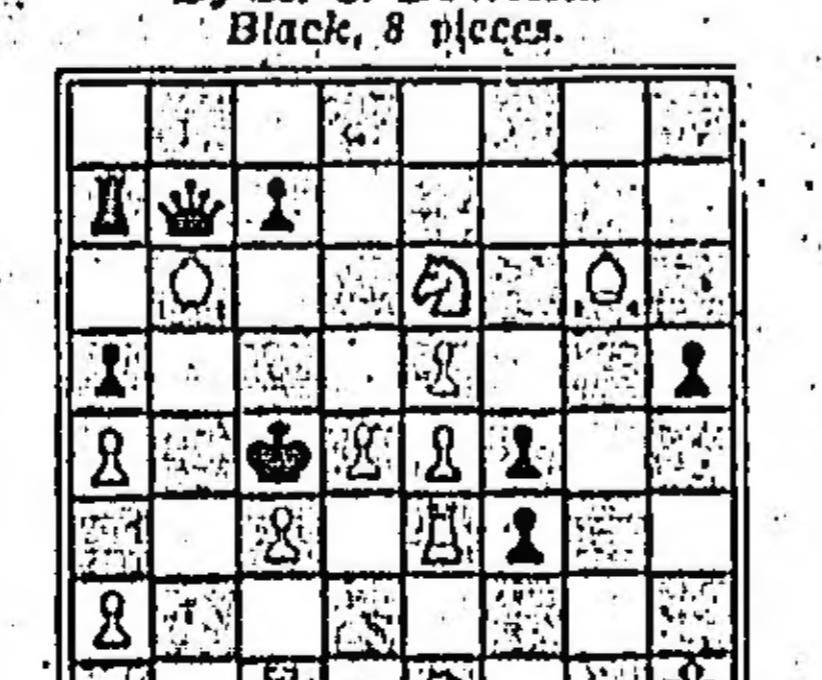
In the latest edition the tender passion was not listed.

In the first edition (1768), "Atom" got only four lines.

In the latest issue it had five pages.

CHESS PROBLEM

By K. S. HOWARD



Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. P—Kt6, any; 2. Q—B (dis ch), or Kt6 (dis ch), or d6 (ch), mates.

DUMB-BELLS

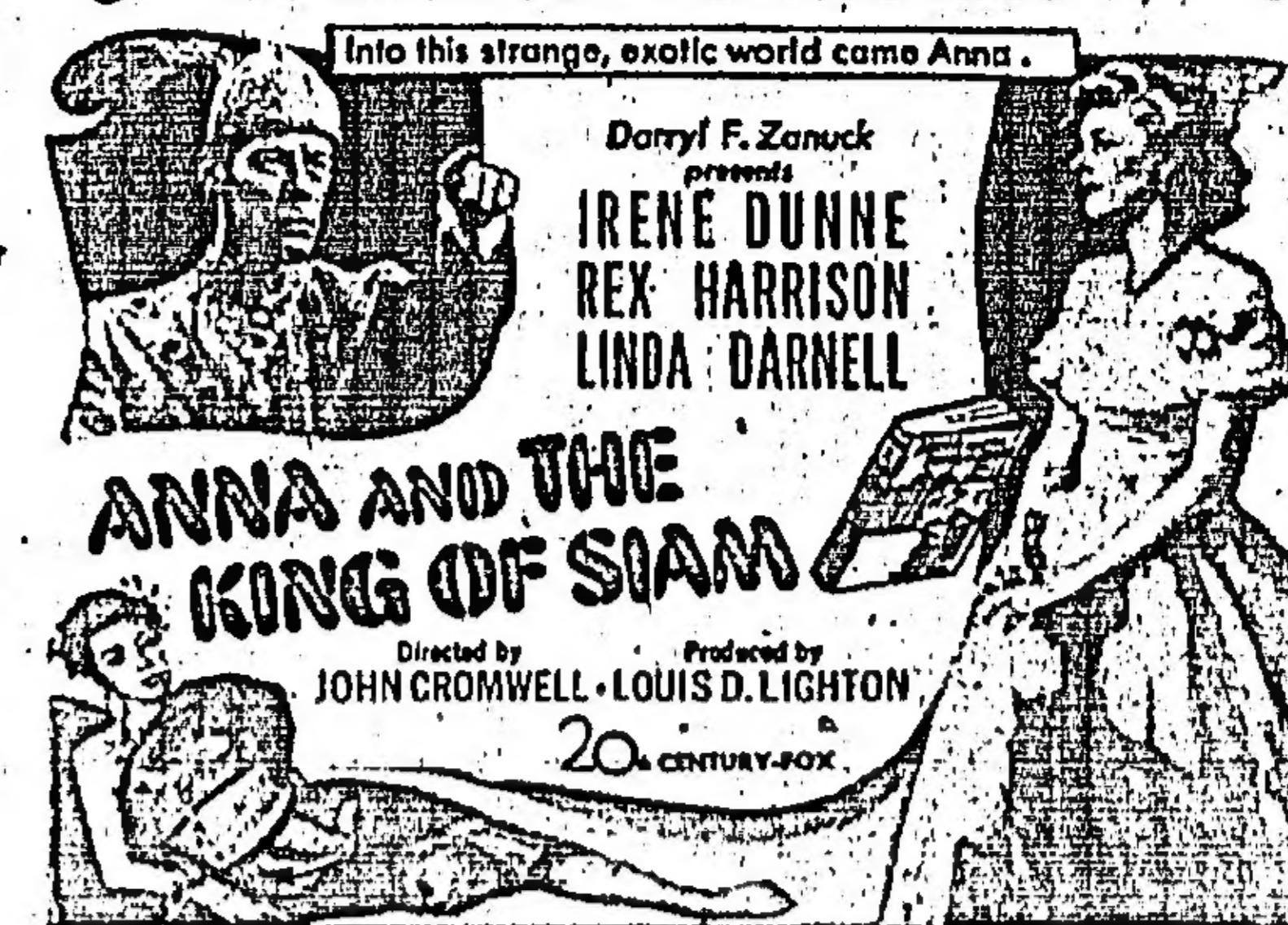
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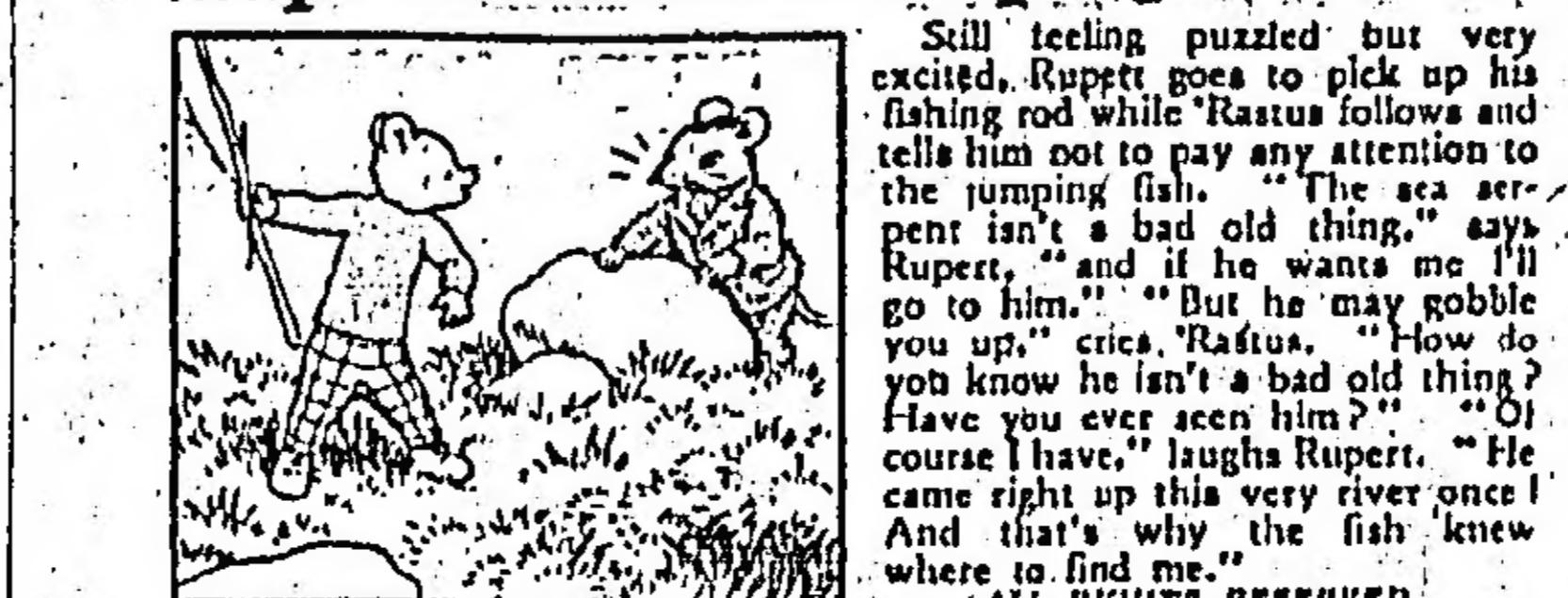
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Rupert and the Jumping Fish—9

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Solution to yesterday's problem:

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"It's been a trying day for me, too—something dreadful happening on every one of my favourite programmes!"

Pakistan May Have Seat At Japan Peace Parley

London, Sept. 2.—The unanimous conclusion of the Commonwealth Conference in Canberra that a preliminary conference of interested Powers on the Japanese peace settlement should be convened before the end of September raises the problem of whether the two Dominions of India and Pakistan should be individually represented at such a conference.

Efforts To Save Petkov's Life

London, Sept. 2.—A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain had learned that Nikola Petkov, leader of the Bulgarian Agrarian Party, would not be executed for at least a week because of the condemned man's appeal.

The spokesman said Britain made an eighth unsuccessful representation to the Bulgarian Government in an effort to save the life of Petkov, who was sentenced to death on a charge of plotting to overthrow the government with foreign aid.

Britain could not regard commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment as a satisfactory solution, the spokesman said.—United Press.

TARIFF TALKS PROGRESS AT GENEVA

Geneva, Sept. 2.—More than 40 separate cases of tariff negotiations will be concluded within a week, an internal progress report of the Secretariat of the Trade and Employment Conference said today.

The total number of tariff negotiations so far concluded have increased to 27, according to latest information.

The report indicated that the question of imperial preferences was now one of the main stumbling blocks of the conference, and was claimed to be holding up a large number of negotiations of the Dominions in addition to those with the United Kingdom.

The Commonwealth countries, meanwhile, re-examined the whole issue of preferences at a number of meetings with the United Kingdom. The meetings, which were concluded today, had given a clear picture of the extent to which concessions are agreeable. Empire sources told the United Press today, and it was expected that an answer to the United States' latest request for reduction and elimination of preferences would be forthcoming this week.

Meanwhile, the United States and Australian negotiating teams had another meeting, which was the fourth since the resumption of tariff negotiations, and "some progress" was reported by Australian sources.—United Press.

CAVENDISH BENTINCK IS OUT

London, Sept. 2.—Mr. Victor Cavendish Bentinck, former British Ambassador to Poland, is no longer a member of the British Diplomatic Service, a Foreign Office spokesman confirmed today.

Official quarters refused to disclose whether the former Ambassador, who was by no means far from retirement, had resigned or had been dismissed. The spokesman stated, however, that the announcement did not imply that Britain had accepted the accusations made last winter by the Polish Government that Mr. Cavendish Bentinck had been in contact with the Polish underground.

He was withdrawn from Poland some weeks after those charges had been strongly repudiated by the Foreign Office, and was appointed Ambassador to Rio de Janeiro. But while waiting in London to take up the appointment, Mr. Cavendish Bentinck was involved in divorce proceedings with his wife. Following these proceedings, his appointment to Brazil was cancelled and Sir Neville Butler was chosen in his place.—Reuter.

KCB For Admiral D'Argenlieu

Paris, Sept. 2.—France's warrior-monk, Admiral George Louis Marie Thirion D'Argenlieu, today received the insignia of the British honour of Knight Commander of the Bath from Mr. Alfred Duff Cooper, British Ambassador, at a ceremony in the British Embassy.

Admiral D'Argenlieu, formerly High Commissioner in French Indo-China, left in 1939 the seclusion of a Carmelite monastery after 10 years as a monk, to join the French Navy.

He returned to a monastery in July.—Reuter.

Dab ... and Flounder



MYSTERY OF CAVE HOLE SKELETONS

London, Sept. 2.—Detectives called in curious hobbyists known as "spelologists" today to help solve the mystery of two skeletons found in potholes—cavellike depressions gouged in the hills of Yorkshire by ice Age glaciers 25,000 years ago.

Twice within eight days, skeletons have been discovered at the bottom of these treacherous "Giant's Kettles," as the local folk call them. Not until medical examination is complete will the police know whether the bodies are those of men who died exploring the potholes or were victims of murder.

One skeleton was removed a few days ago and is still under study. Today members of the Cave Rescue Association were assisting to raise a second body from the 300-foot hole in which it was sighted yesterday.

The Cave Rescue Association was formed by spelologists—men who explore the caves as a spare time hobby—because so many were being hurt in exploring the potholes, in some of which traces of prehistoric men and animals have been found.

Underground streams rising rapidly and unexpectedly are only one of the hazards of pothole exploration.—United Press.

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AMERICAN REPUBLICS SIGN DEFENCE PACT

By CHARLES LYNCH
(Reuter's Correspondent)

Rio de Janeiro, Sept. 2.—The treaty of 26 articles signed in Rio de Janeiro today after the Petropolis inter-American conference draws a firm line around the western hemisphere from Pole to Pole and says to the rest of the world, "Keep Out."

Hamburg Is Ready For Jew Ships

Hamburg, Sept. 2.—British officials in Hamburg are tonight completing plans to deal with any "fight to the finish" which the tentative American suggestion is that voting during the 4,350 Jewish immigrants may stage when the three British transports, bringing them from the south of France, dock at dawn on Monday.

Hundreds of troops are ready to move on the docks if necessary, and the authorities are not excluding the possibilities of a well-timed outbreak of terrorism, sabotage and arson.

Officials will board the ships to search for suspected agitators or terrorists, but it is learned that the transports will only use firearms during the disembarkation only as a last resort to protect their own lives.

The note of urgency in the Carnegie recommendation that an 11 (or 12) power conference be summoned before the end of this month, taken together with the Soviet refusal to accept such a conference, which was originally suggested on American initiative, heightens the interest among observers here in the question of how and when India's dual claim of representation will be decided.—Reuter.

SNYDER OFF TO LONDON

New York, Sept. 2.—When the Queen Elizabeth sails from New York tomorrow, on board will be 148 representatives to the London conference of the International Bank and Monetary Fund and 88 American Legion members en route to visit war sites in Western Europe.

The ship will depart with an estimated 2,175 passengers.

Included among the London conference representatives will be United States Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder, who is being accompanied by his wife.

The Legion group will be led by Paul S. Griffith, Veteran's Organization national commander, and Norton H. Pearl, commander of the Auxiliary of the American Legion—Associated Press.

Man Who Killed Native "God"

Santa Barbara, Sept. 2.—Major Frederick Russell Burnham, 87, Boer War veteran and African explorer, whose exploits included the killing of a native "god" in Rhodesia, has died here.

In Africa, Major Burnham was engaged by the British as a scout in the war against Matabele natives and commanded to kill or capture the native god "Milmo".

Major Burnham tracked his quarry to a mountain cave and killed him, for which deed he was given 300 square miles of land in Rhodesia.

After extensive exploration of Africa, Major Burnham went to Alaska during the gold rush and operated a Klondike mine until he was offered a British commission to fight in the Boer War.

Wounded, he was invalided to England, and was decorated by Queen Victoria.—Associated Press.

My congratulations to the producer and the cast.

LIS-SEN.

Air Marshal Slessor's New Appointment

London, Sept. 2.—Air Chief Marshal Sir John Slessor will succeed General Sir William Slim, famed wartime 14th Army Commander in Burma, as head of the Imperial Defense College, the Defence Ministry announced today.

Air Marshal Slessor, who will take over on December 31, was deputy to the American General Ira Eaker, when the latter was Commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean—Associated Press.

It is possible that the recent Editorials and letters appearing in the Telegraph regarding WAB are already having an effect. I refer to the play "Smash & Grab". This went over very well indeed. The action was continuous, interest was held throughout, and it was altogether a pleasant twenty minutes entertainment.

My congratulations to the producer and the cast.

Falangists Busy In Germany

London, Sept. 2.—Spanish Republicans reported today that Falangist agents in the American zone of Germany are recruiting aviation specialists for Franco's army, "apparently from France's army."

A new bulletin of the Basque delegation reported that Nazi al Qaeda had gone into Spain since the end of the war by a clandestine route.—Associated Press.

Edrich Declines

London, Sept. 2.—W. J. Edrich, Middlesex and England all-rounder, has informed the MCC that he is unable to accept the invitation to tour the West Indies next winter.

His letter declining the invitation stated that he is anxious to establish himself in his business.

Edrich added that having played continuously for nearly 18 months he felt that a complete winter's break would ensure his form for the strenuous cricket ahead when Australian visits England next summer.—Reuter.

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Answers:

1. Glasgow. 2. Approximately 8.3 minutes. 3. The elder duck. 4. Common salt. 5. Australia, as far as known.